



PIPE BANDS VICTORIA

Memo:

Daylesford Highland Gathering arrangements

Given the heavy storm weather predicted for Daylesford (and most of Victoria) this weekend, the executive of Pipe Bands Victoria has been in consultation with the Daylesford Highland Gathering to develop contingency plans for the first competition of the 2017-2018 season.

There are two scenarios for Saturday's competition:

- A] The Bureau of Meteorology prediction proves inaccurate and Daylesford is blessed with weather that allows the pipe band competition – the street march up Vincent St and musical, drill and dress elements at Victoria Park – to proceed.

The drum major solo flourish competition has been cancelled.

- B] Should predicted weather eventuate and a wet weather plan is activated, that will see cancellation of the street march with other elements moved to Daylesford Arts, Recreation and Cultural Centre in Smith St.

The final decision will be made at 8am Saturday morning. All bands are requested to have a representative at the street march starting point at that time for official advice.

ARRANGEMENTS UNDER SCENARIO B

In the event the competition is moved indoors, all band start times will be brought forward by approximately 60 minutes providing for a 10am commencement. An amended timetable will be made available at the 8am briefing.

Daylesford ARC is a multi-purpose facility – under Scenario B, the competition will be held in the stadium (two basketball courts) with fine tune in the separate Court 3 area and band meeting point in the theatre.

The march-off will be retained in the day's proceedings, adjusted to the available space: wheel deleted with bands to cease playing on approaching the line, ie, reform, step-off and counter-march as normal.

On-street and off-street parking is available within the Daylesford ARC/Daylesford Secondary College precinct including capacity for buses that are to be parked only in the designated bus area.

Gate passes will still be required to gain admission to Daylesford ARC. Band sign-on will be required at a designated point within the complex.

The executive of Pipe Bands Victoria is conscious of the responsibility to members in ensuring promoters provide a safe environment for competition and requests the co-operation of all bands and players in adjusting to modified arrangements should they need to be implemented at Daylesford on Saturday. The implementation of Scenario B will also allow the Daylesford Highland

Gathering committee to continue with the event on the date planned and not have to either cancel or postpone.